

pear, I would suggest that we christen it "Our Spice Box," or "Pithy Points." We all can aid in supplying this department by sending in good selections, subject to the approval of our worthy editor.

Brother Bashor's autobiography is growing more interesting with each number. Chapter 14, in last issue is unusually good. We hope all our people will read and re-read it, and then make the application, and thus be practically benefitted thereby.

Brother McFaden has again favored us with another correspondence. Come again, brother Mc., we always enjoy reading your articles and so do others.

But seriously, where are many of our brethren who formerly wrote interesting letters to the EVANGELIST? And why don't they "pick their flint and try again?" Come, brethren, we all have a duty to discharge in this particular, and we owe it to our editor and to the church to do our part toward supplying the EVANGELIST with original matter. Who will respond?

Bryan, O.

A. M. RIDENOUR.

From Johnstown and Conemaugh Pa.

On Sabbath July 20th, sister Mary Sterling, of Masontown, Pa., preached two very interesting sermons to large congregations, in the Brethren church of this city. Also on Sabbath afternoon she preached to a full house in East Conemaugh Brethren chapel. Her stay among us was not long, but was very much appreciated by all. On Friday the 25th she, accompanied by sisters Nettie O'Neil, Mrs. Jacob McCartney and myself, for the first time visited South Fork Lake, which was the cause of the destruction of our city and hundreds of its inhabitants.

As we stood upon the breast of the great dam, through which the water had burst, and as we cast our eyes over the great basin which was filled with water previously, we did not wonder that it was the cause of the misery that was connected with its history. The basin of the Lake is now empty, with the exception of a very small stream of water flowing through it. It is grown over with weeds and grass, and a railroad is being built through the center of it.

So we need not fear of it ever causing any more trouble. God knows it has caused enough.

Mrs. Rittgers and daughter are visiting their friends in Ohio. They expect to remain until the first of September.

Miss Riley of Goshen, Indiana, is the guest of Sister Sarah Coughan.

The sisters are preparing to lay new carpet in the church this week. We have been using the carpet that went through the flood, but, we hope, is coming for us in Johnstown.

Rams, of Conemaugh, has started up in business alone. He has rented a very convenient room, and is doing a good business.

Brother Pat. O'Neil is working in the store of Goughnour and Co. Bro. O'Neil is a good salesman.

The daughter of brother Hiram Goughnour is at present seriously ill with consumption. We hope and pray for her recovery. She desired a few evenings since to be anointed with oil, as James directs. We anointed her, and while talking to her upon the subject of the future, she said "all was clear," and she was ready to meet her God at any time. O how it cheered me to know this, and only wish that hundreds of others who are yet unsaved may soon come to Christ, that their last days may be, as clear and bright as sister Goughnour's are. The Christian only is happy when death comes.

Our Sabbath school picnic is over. The following was clipped from the Johnstown daily Democrat:

"THE BRETHREN PICNICERS."

The excursion of the Brethren Sabbath School to Idlewild yesterday was a success in every particular, 1023 tickets being sold from this city and Conemaugh and 352 from Pittsburgh. It was the largest excursion party that ever left Johnstown. The sports and pastimes at the grounds were numerous and very gratifying. The party returned about 8 o'clock, being less than two hours in reaching home."

John F. Reed who recently moved from Johnstown to Latrobe, has now organized a Brethren Sabbath school of about fifty scholars in that town. Brother Reed is proving himself quite a Sabbath school worker. His school represented at the picnic about thirty-five scholars. We wish him success in the good work.

During the past few weeks, on account of extremely hot weather, our congregations in Johnstown have not been very large; but we are glad that they are again beginning to increase. I feel somewhat encouraged with the Conemaugh charge. Everything appears to be moving along smoothly, and our congregations are rapidly growing. There is one pleasant feature about the Conemaugh Brethren. A minister's work among them is appreciated very highly. They wish the whole gospel truth preached to them, and desire every form of evil that has a tendency to get into our churches and ruin them spiritually, to be preached against. This is what should be everywhere; but so many people desire smooth things spoken unto them. Something that will not condemn their own wicked desires and opinions, and because the minister tries to keep the church pure and free from evils of every kind by worrying and working, and preaching, they find fault with him and say things that are not pleasant. If there is anything

that should be kept pure and holy and free from the tide of worldliness it should be the church, and if the minister does not preach it down, who will? The great need among us today is more of the religion of Jesus Christ, and more of the love of God in our hearts. If we possess a sufficient amount of these we will then appreciate anything that will build us up spiritually, and we will desire anything to be said that will tear down the wicked works of Satan.

O for a pure, holy church; one whose members can stand before the wicked and say "you cannot point me to one act that condemns my Christianity in your eyes."

J. B. RITTGERS.

Johnstown, Pa.

Simple Bible Lessons for the Young.

No. 5.

BY A. D. GNAGEY.

NOTE 1. The pastor or leader of the class will introduce such devotional services—singing and prayer—as may in his judgment seem best.

NOTE 2. For smaller scholars the more difficult parts of the lesson may be omitted.

REVIEW. The teacher will carefully review previous lessons before beginning this one.

I. OLD TESTAMENT.

- We continue the study of the books of the Bible.
 - Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Solomon.
 - Isaiah, Jeremiah, Lamentation, Ezekiel.
 - Daniel, Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obediah, Jonah, Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah, Haggai, Zechariah, Malachi.
- SUGGESTIVE QUESTIONS.
 - Repeat in their order the books of the Old Testament.
 - Which is the middle one? The last one?
 - Which comes first, Proverbs or Psalms? Daniel or Hosea? Joel or Amos?
 - What book between Isaiah and Lamentations?
- The teacher will continue the above exercise until the pupil is familiar with the books. Let each member of the class have a Bible. The teacher will say, "Find Hosea." "Open your Bible at Job," etc. "Find 20th Isaiah."

II. NEW TESTAMENT.

- Read carefully,

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| Mark 2: 1-12. | John 5: 1-47. |
| Matt. 9: 9-13. | Matt. 13: 1-8. |
| Luke 5: 33: 39. | Mark 3: 1-19. |
- SUGGESTIVE QUESTIONS.
 - Did Christ violate the law of the Sabbath?
 - Where was Matthew when Christ called him?
 - Whom did Christ heal at the Pool of Bethesda?
 - Why did the Jews find fault with Jesus?
 - Why are we commanded to search the scriptures?
 - In the above reading mention three occasions when the Jews accused Christ for violating the Sabbath?
 - What man was taken through the roof to get to Christ?

III. MISCELLANEOUS.

- MEMORY VERSES. Matt. 5: 3-9.

Blessed are the poor in spirit; for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Blessed are they that mourn; for they shall be comforted.
Blessed are the meek; for they shall inherit the earth.
Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness; for they shall be filled.
Blessed are the merciful; for they shall obtain mercy.
Blessed are the pure in heart; for they shall see God.
Blessed are the peacemakers; for they shall be called the children of God.
- TEXT AND SERMON.
- DOCTRINAL.

We have learned in previous lessons why God has sent his son into the world; that all men are sinners; that the Bible is the Christian's rule of faith and practice. We want to learn now what a man must do in order to be saved. In the lesson following it will be our purpose to give all the different steps in the process of conversion. What is God's part and what is man's in the process of a sinner turning from darkness to light. Our only authority in this matter will be the gospel of Christ—we recognize none other. It is not what men say, but what God says. Not what creeds say we must do to be saved, but what the gospel says we must do. We shall endeavor to present God's plan of salvation in a plain, simple way, showing that it is not a vague, confusing, mysterious thing, couched in phrases that can be understood only by the learned. The gospel addresses itself not only to the educated in intellect, but to the ignorant and unlearned. It has a special message for the poor; the story of the cross is intelligible to the children no less than the most intellectual men. In the next lesson we will learn four great gospel principles.

4. REFERRED QUESTION.

In 2 Corinthians 13, give the different things charity is said not to do. How many and what are they?

Close of School.

The recurring cycles of time have whirled into the past another school year, which to Ashland College has been the most successful of the last five.

The Baccalaureate sermon on Sunday, July 20th, was well attended by those of the town interested in education, as well as also the Commencement exercises on Thursday evening. Brethren C. E. Deffenbaugh and J. Allen Miller, and sister Minnie E. Oakes finished the Scientific course, brother Martin Shively and a W. A. Wiley graduated in the English course.

The past year we enrolled the names of a number of different students, and our prospects for a good attendance the coming year are better than were those of a year ago.

Eight rooms in the College we have nicely refurnished and furnished, so that now we have a fine office, an attractive reading room, a nice music parlor, and five recitation rooms that students and visitors comment as ideal school rooms. Thirty-three rooms in the Hall, including kitchen and dining room, we have nicely papered, the wood-work scraped and refinished, and the carpets and bedding newly furnished. Our increased home patronage is largely due to the confidence we have restored by making these improvements, as the people begin to think we have come to stay and that the school will live.

We have mailed copies of our late circular to a number of our brethren and trust they will hand them to young people who are interested in education. Our new catalogue will be out in a few days, and we would like to place a copy in the hands of each brother that is interested in our school, or has children interested in education, and especially if they are thinking of going from home to school; but we do not know who such brethren are. Drop us a card, stating how many copies you want. Pastors, send us a list of such names; or better still, appoint a good enthusiastic brother or sister as school-agent in each of your congregations and instruct him to correspond with us. For the coming year our school will be such as to commend itself to the majority of those who wish to go to school. From one to three classes in all the common branches and classes in Book-keeping, Short-hand and Type-writing will be sustained each term, and the higher branches of the English, Scientific and Classical courses will be regularly taught as catalogue.

It does seem to us by proper effort at least one young person in each congregation could be induced to come here to school. 'Tis true that from other states the railroad fare is an item of expense, but, would it not usually prove a profitable outlay on the part of the church to take up a collection or make up a subscription sufficient to pay his railroad fare. Such would be but a small thing for the several members, but quite an item for the student, and would prove quite an advantage to the school. If such a student be a brother, you have only observed the "Golden Rule." If not, then you have most likely sown good seed.

Catalogues, circulars, copies of Rules and Regulations will be mailed on application.

Yours in the interests of education.

S. E. SHOOK.

My Second Letter.

Some time ago I wrote an article entitled my first letter; this one I term my second letter. In the first place I must say many thanks for the sister's donation of the EVANGELIST to me. I love to read it and will do all I can for the support of the paper, by the way of writing for its columns. I hope the sister will not only be rewarded in this life but also in the life which is to come. No doubt we are many miles apart; I know not, and may never meet in this world; but I pray God that we may live a life devoted to the service of God, that when we are done here on earth we may each receive a crown of life, and praise God forever, where we will meet to part no more.

On the 11th of July I was made to sorrow again. My little boy, Josiah Jacob, passed away from earth to glory. Aged 3 months and 27 days. Thus inside of three months I parted with a dear wife and dear little son; although I sorrow not as one that has no hope.

On July 26, 1890, brother Stephen Hildebrand of Bolivar, Pa., came to our midst to preach over Sunday. He preached on Saturday evening, and Sunday morning at eleven o'clock he preached the funeral of my little son, to a large and attentive audience. Also on Sunday evening at eight o'clock, and on Monday took his departure for home, expecting to be back again in five or six weeks. We had good meetings. Bro. Hildebrand is well liked and is alive to good work. We expect to hold a protracted meeting in the near future, the Lord willing. May he live long to continue the good work. Truly the harvest is great and the laborers are few. There is a good opening here for a church in the near future. I am still the only member of the Brethren church at this point, but good prospects for the future. I have much to contend with, but I am not discouraged. The German Baptists are strong here, and of course I have opposition. The most of them will not come to hear us preach. They frequently ask me "what we come here to preach for? For division, for money, or for what purpose?" I tell them to preach the gospel and to point out the way of salvation to sinners. They held a Sunday school

celebration on the 19th of July, at the Mt. Joy church, near Mt. Pleasant. About one-half of the members was opposed to it, but the majority overruled the bishop: Abram Summey. Some would not go near and one of the deacons says he is very much opposed to anything of the kind, and that there will be a little division between them. So they do not need to ask if we are here for division when they make it themselves. They are also opposed to paying their minister a salary, but will give them a liberal donation. They might as well speak it out plainly, and pay them a salary. Brethren and sisters pray for me, that I may hold out faithful till the end.

J. M. RITTER.

Kecksburg, Pa.

From Jasper Mo.

We are moving along slowly but in love and union. We had preaching on the third Sunday in July. It was our regular appointment Saturday night, Sunday at eleven and Sunday at 4 P. M. On Saturday at 2 o'clock we met for business meeting. We agreed to have our communion quarterly; so our next communion will be held on Saturday night before the third Sunday in October. We invite the brethren and sisters every where to be with us at that time. Brethren Isaac Hendricks and D. W. Garst was installed into the office of deacon. On Sunday brother Hixon preached a splendid sermon on the judgment. It was the right thing at the right place. One soul came forward from the conservative side, and enlisted with the Brethren. May the Lord bless her that she may hold out faithful, and be a bright and shining light to the world. O may the Lord help us to wake up from our lethargy. Brethren and sisters, we should all be engaged in the work while it is called today, for the night cometh when no man can work. Let us ask ourselves what have we done for Jesus. Oh what a solemn thought. Just take one thought of what he has done for us. He died the death on the cross. He has suffered more than the mind can conceive. He showed us by precept and example how we can become heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ. We only have to crucify our carnal minds, and die to our own wills, and subject ourselves to the will of the Father. When we do that it is such a pleasure to be engaged in doing his will. Oh how I feel the importance of preparing for eternity. I feel that I have built upon the rock. "The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures, he leadeth me by the still waters." I ask an interest in your prayers. From your unworthy sister.

FANNIE GARST.

Jasper, Mo.

The Needs of the Church.

That the Brethren church needs a well defined system of government of some kind is very evident from the development of the last six months. When such men as H. R. Holsinger, P. J. Brown and S. H. Bashor, all victims of too much rule, and avowed advocates of limited congregationalism cry enough, and J. H. Swihart the very embodiment of congregationalism takes up the echo, there must be something glaringly wrong. From quieter sources we hear the cry "something must be done to hold us together."

I am quite sure from events that transpired in the Philadelphia church during the last three months, that if there is not some better system of discipline devised a disintegration must follow.

In "Some Things in Particular" in EVANGELIST No. 30, our former pastor himself declares that because it was reported of him that he was going to leave the city to swindle his creditors he concluded to stay in Philadelphia and commence another work. If all the preachers would follow this precedent, whenever they hear of anything unfavorable concerning themselves, split up the churches, if they be ever so small and poor, there would be a sorrowful result. If one can do it and be recognized why not all? "Some Things in Particular" referred to is misleading in the extreme, and will be refuted and corrected by the church in the near future.

From still other sources we hear of great indiscretion, if not immorality of some of the ministers, but no power to deal with them or purge the church.

It is to be hoped that in coming conventions the brethren everywhere will give attention to this matter and see what system can be matured by the time of the next national convention.

Personally I am spending all my time and more than my own money in the interests of the Brethren church; hence I feel an anxious concern in her power for good.

JACOB C. CASSEL.

709 Arch St., Philadelphia, Pa.

From Baden, Kansas

Dear EVANGELIST, greeting: After a long time, and for fear brother Bauman should get after us with a sharp stick, I will take the time to write a few lines, although we have so very much to do. There is hardly a Sunday passes but that I preach somewhere, although I get no salary.

Our brethren are building and have the house almost done. Will dedicate this fall. They are doing nobly, and when completed we will have the finest house in this part of the country.

I have more calls than one man can fill and do himself justice. The

harvest truly is great and the laborers are few. When I think of God's love, how great his power to save, how ample, and know his willingness to save, and then know that some are dying out of Christ without any hope for the future, I feel like going all the time; but I can't go for nothing and leave my family, which has to be provided for.

The old church has taught the people here that it is wrong for a minister to receive a salary, and some folks like to think so to escape paying. Christ truly said "The love of money is the root of all evil. Money! money! Men sell their interest in the eternal world for gold, and go before God empty-handed."

Brethren, we want to fall in line and move against sin, and preach Christ with all our ransomed powers. The Brethren church can accomplish wonders. No creed but Christ's word, with malice toward none, but love for all; love that will prompt men to quit sinning, turn to a noble life, give God the adoration that is due him, and then go out after others, with their hearts filled with sympathy for the lost ones! Such was Christ's life; full of noble works. He won men by his character. May we ever imitate his life, be faithful till death, then receive a crown of life, is my prayer.

H. S. ENSLOW.

Baden, Kansas.

From Twelve Mile, Ind.

I take this opportunity to chronicle a few items again in regard to our church. We have occupied it with Sabbath school and services since the communion was held in it. We had a series of sermons preached in it by elders Summers and Fox, previous to vacating for plastering and completing it. Elder Summers was with us on Wednesday and Thursday evenings, July 23rd and 24th. As brother Hopkins was called to a higher position, that of elder, we were left without a deacon. Consequently the brethren met at an early hour Thursday evening to fill the vacancy. A vote was taken as to the election of one or more, and it was decided to elect two. After balloting the lot fell upon brother H. C. Reed and G. D. Wilson, brethren sound in the faith and zealous in the cause. The ordination was performed by elders Summers and Hopkins, previous to a very able and instructive sermon, delivered by elder Summers.

The funeral of Myrtle May Leffel, the eight year old daughter of Jacob and Maria Leffel was preached at 10 o'clock A. M. Sunday, by elder Jacob Fisher of the German Baptist Church. Elder J. M. Fox preached for us on Saturday evening and Sunday at 3:30 P. M. to a very large and appreciative audience. We will hold our Sunday school and services in the grove near by the church on August 13th.

Twelve Mile, Ind.

From Olathe, Kans.

Dear EVANGELIST. I preached three evenings in the King school house three and one-half miles north-east of Monmouth, Crawford Co., Kansas. These were the first Brethren meetings held there, except what brother Sively held last fall. Though everybody was very busy with hay making and threshing, we had a full house each night. One was baptized. We now have at that place six sisters and one brother. There is surely much material there for a big ingathering by some church. I have left some more appointments for September. If I can possibly afford to do so, I expect to continue for some time. Come brethren and sisters, help our home Mission cause all you possibly can. I know times are hard, but is not religion a prime necessity? Please remember that the reward is great. While I have no desire to beg for myself, I do feel to beg for the Lord. Every dollar you give dear brother and sister, you invest for yourself. O do appreciate the fact that the mission work is YOUR work. Also remember, that unless you do your work you will get no reward. May God help us all to "first seek the kingdom of God and his righteousness," in the confidence that he will take care of us.

Fraternally.

W. J. H. BAUMAN.

Olathe, Kans.

MARRIAGES.

SHAW.—COOPER.—At my room, No. 26 Morris St., Johnstown, Pa., July 24th, George L. Shaw of this city, and Miss Anna Cooper of England. May their lives be long, happy and prosperous. May death find each prepared, and heaven finally receive them.

J. B. RITTGERS.

OUR DEAD.

TEETER.—Sister Susan Teeter was born in Northampton Co., Pa., Oct. 25, 1811; died in Creston, Iowa, July 29, 1890; aged 78 years, 9 months, and 4 days.

Deceased had lived a consistent member of the German Baptist church for over thirty years. She was the mother of fourteen children, of whom four have preceded her to the other world. Among those living are Isaac and sister Leah Watson of this city. Funeral services in the German Baptist church at Waterloo, last Friday, conducted by Elder L. R. Peifer, assisted by Elder Jonas Lichty.

W. P. COBAUGH.